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"We will cling to the Pillars of the Temple of our Liberties, and if it must fall, we will Perish amidst the Ruins."

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Choice Poetry.

"HALLOWED BE THY NAME."

BY MISS ELIZA COOK. List to the dreamy tongue that dwells In rippling wave or sighing tree: Go, hearken to the old church bells, The whistling bird, the whizzing bee; Interpret rights and ye will find

'Tis " power and glory" they proclaim:

The chimes, the creatures, waters, wind, All publish, " Hallowed by Thy name!" The pilgrim journeys till he bleeds, To gain the altar of his sires; The hermit pores above his beads,

With zeal that never wanes nor tires; But holiest rite or longest prayer That soul can yield or wisdom frame, What better import can it bear Than "Father, Hallowed be Thy name?"

The savage kneeling to the sun, To give his thanks or ask a boon; The raptures of the idiot one, Who laughs to see that clear round moon; The saint well saught in Christian lore, · The Moslem prostrate at his flame-All worship, wonder and adore, And end in "Hallowed be Thy name!"

Whate'er may be man's faith or creed. Those precious words comprise it still; We trace them on the blooming mead, We have them in the flowing rill; One chorus hails the Great Supreme; Each varied breathing is the same-The strains may differ, but the THEME Is, "Father, Hallowed be Thy name!" THE DEAREST SPOT ON EARTH.

applause:

The dearest spot on earth to me, Is home, sweet home: The fairy land I've longed to see Is home, sweet home; There how charmed the sense of hearing, There where hearts are so endearing, All the world is not so cheering, As home, sweet home.

I've taught my heart the way to prize, My home, sweet home; On home, sweet home; There where vows are truly plighted,

There where hearts are so united, All the world besides I've slighted, For home, sweet home.

An Interestiny Story

NAPOLEON'S MERCY. Napoleon was conversing with Josephine, when one of his officers entered and announced

a young woman from Lyons.
"What is her business with me?" "Some petition," answered de Merville, the

The officer soon re-appeared, with a lady

veil, was very beautiful. She trembled as she

approached the door.
"Mademoiselle," whispered her guide kindly, "take courage, but answer promptly every their stand, and only awaited the command question the emperor proposes; he detests hesi- from the Emperor, who was stationed at the tation." Then ushering her into the spacious apartment, he bowed and retired.

The trembling girl, perceiving Napoleon, on ing herself at the feet of Napoleon, she exclaimed in a voice choking with emotion: "Mercy, sire! I sue for mercy and pardon." She could

articulate no more. Josephine stepped from her partial concealment, and then approaching, contributed more by her sympathising words of encouragement sentence. he hade her rise.

"Your petition, Mademoiselle," said be. Henrietta Armend (for that was her name) marre, who is condemned to be shot on to-morrow. Oh, grant him your royal pardon !"

A cloud gathered on Napoleon's brow as he interrupted her with, "A deserter, Mademoi- I will return soon." selle; he has twice deserted. No, he must be made an example for the remainder of the regi-

"But the cause of his desertion!" cried Henrietta, in agony. "He was compelled to join the army against his will." "What are the causes of his desertion?" in-

terrapted Napoleon.
"Two weeks since," answered Henrietta, "h received news that an only remaining parent, a mother, sire, was on her death-bed, and longed hav and night to behold her son. Louis knew at relief or re'ease from his post was impossi-

e. His mind was filled with one thoughtthat she might close her eyes forever, ere they ested on a son she loved so fondly.' "Did she die?" asked the Empress, with

enterest. st recovered. But hardly had Louis received her blessing, been folded in her arms, ere he was torn from her grasp by the officer of

"Mademoiselle," said Napoleon, apparently softened, this is the second offence; name the first; you omitted that."

"It was," said she, hesitating and coloring "it was that he heard I was to be married to Conrad Ferant, whom I detest as much as he does," answered Henrietta, with naivete. "Are you his sister, that he feels so great an

interest in your fate," asked the Emperor.

"Oh, no, sire," said Henrietta, her lovely cheeks assuming a still deeper hue of the rose, "I am only a cousin."

"Ah! only a cousin," repeated Napoleon, glancing at Josephine with a suppressed smile. "Oh, sire," said Henrietta, "recollect the next morning.

Napoleon approached the weeping girl. She hastily looked up and dried her tears. "Mademoiselle," said he, "would you give your life for his? Would you die, could Louis Delmarre be restored to liberty and his mother?"

Henrietta started back, deadly pale, looked fixedly at the Emperor for a moment, then turning away she buried her face in her hands. After a silence of some minutes, Henrietta looked up: "I am willing" said she, in a very low voice. Napoleon looked at her in surprise, as if he had not anticipated so ready an answer to his proposal. "I will see you again," said he, "in the meantime accept such accommoda-tion as I shall direct."

As soon as the door was closed upon the fair petitioner, Napoleon walked to the window against which Josephine was leaning, and said; I see how it is: Louis Delmarre is the lover of this young girl. True to woman's nature, she has braved difficulty and danger to beg his

"How strong must be the love she bears for him," said the Empress.

"Ah!" returned he, "I have a mind to subject this love to a severer test. Much I doubt whether she will give her life for him. Never-

theless I will see. "Sure," cried Josephine, "you are not serious-Louis can certainly be pardoned without the death of Henrietta." Napoleon drew near the window, and they

conversed in a low voice. Henrietta stood alone in a magnificent apartment. Hours passed unobserved, so intensely was she absorbed in reverie; a small folded paper was tightly grasped in her small hand. On it were traced these words, "A deserter is condemned by the laws of the army to suffer death. If you wish Delmarre restored to liberty, the means are in your power. Ere day dawns he may be on his way to join his nother whom he so macir loves."

"Ah!" murmured Henrietta, "do not I love him too?" Pressing her hands upon her heart, as if to still its tumultuous breathing, she paced the apartment. The door opened, and the Chevali, r de Merville entered. He paused ere he articulated "Mademoiselle."

The following little ballad was sweetly sung, by "I am ready," replied Henrietta; "my de-Miss Anna Kamp, at Thalberg's concert, with great cision is made." De Merville appeared to comprehend the im-

port of her words. He looked upon her with reverence as well as admiration, as she stood with the high resolve impressed upon her beautiful brow, "Follow me, Mademoiselle," said he. They traversed long corridors and numerous suits of superb apartments; and descending a staircase, quickly reached an outer court communiciting with the guard-house. Entering this, Henrietta was ushered by her guide into a small apartment, where she was soon left to

all in a moment.

cap on her head. She almost uttered a cry of joy at the success of her transformation. She knew that she was to be led to the fatal ground at the morning's dawn. The bullet which while under the infatuation, had himself a would have struck Louis to the heart was to be death to her own, but she shrunk not back. Love triumphed over the timid woman's nature. "Louis's mother will bless me in her heart," she whispered. "Louis himself will never forget me. And often has he sworn that he loved me better than all else beside." Drawing a lock of raven hair from her bosom she pressed it to her lips, and then breathed a prayer to

heaven. Morning dawned. The sound of footmen aroused Henrietta. She started up, grasped the leaning upon his arm, whose face, as much as could be scanned through the thick folds of a opened and two soldiers entered repeating the name of Louis Delmarre; they suddenly led her forth to die. The soldiers whose bullet were to pierce the heart of Louis had taken

"Oh," cried Josephine, who stood by him, whom her fondest hopes depended, forget her but concealed by the window drapery from the timidity; she thought only of another. Throw- view of those below, "Oh, sire, I can endure it no longer; it seems so much like a dreadful reality. Mark the devoted girl! No shrinking back! See, she seems calmly awaiting the fatal

moment! "Stop!" cried the Emperor from the window. "Louis Delmarre is pardoned. I revoke his

to restore the courage of the petitioner than even the Emperor by his gracious manner, as soldiers followed this announcement. Not one of them but loved and respected their comrade. The next moment, ere they could press around to congratulate the supposed Louis, De Merville looked imploringly at the Emperor, and ex-claimed: "Ah sire, I ask pardon for Louis Del-through the crowd, back to the cell from which had eargerly drawn the bewildered Henrietta

she had emerged but a few moments before. "Resume your dress again, Mademoiselle: lose no time; the Emperor wishes to see you.

Henrietta was like one in a dream, but a leam of delicious hope thrilled her soul; she lelt the dawning of happiness break upon her heart. Soon again resuming her protty rustic lineaments De Merville re-appeared, and once again she trod the audience-room of the Emperor. Lifting her eyes from the ground as the loity door swung open, she beheld Louis. An exclamation of joy burst from the lips of both, as regardless of others, they rushed into each other's arms.

Napoleon stepped forward, heard from my lips the tale of this lovely girl's devotion and courage. Do you love her as she

deserves?" "I could die for her," answered Louis.

"Well, well," cried the Emperor, "this test of one will suffice. So dutiful a son, so faithful a lover, will make the best of husbands. You, matice, and dragged hither. Oh! must be die? Lieutenant Louis Delmarre, are discharged from Mercy, sire, I beseech you!" your regiment. Return to your native valley with Henrietta as your bride."

" Here," said the benevolent Josephine, emhundred louis d'ors, as the marriage dowry,

beautiful girl as she received the purse from the hand of the Empress. etta, and making a graceful obeisance, quitted

the apartment.

A charming blush suffused the cheek of the

LORD TENTERDON had contracted so inveteranguish of his widowed mother when she recol- ate a habit of keeping himself and every body lects that the affection of her son for her is the else to the precise matter in hand, that once, cause of his death. What," she continued, during a circuit dinner, having asked a country "can I do to save him?" and the poor girl, for- magistrate if he would take venison, and regetting the presence of royalty, burst into tears.

The kindhearted Josephine glanced at the Emperor with eyes expressive of pitty and sympathy. She noticed the workings of his face, "That, sir, is no answer to my question; I ask and felt at once that it was very uncertain you again if you take venison, and I will trou-whether Louis Delmarre was to be shot the ble you to say yes or no, without further pre-

A PHYSICIANS' EVIDENCE ON DANCING. dancing, so perverted by late hours and the indecency of fashionable attire, has outraged many sensible people, and led them to deprive the young ones of the most simple and health-like that known in commerce as Sea Island. ful enjoyments, because it has been abused. For The staple is long, fine, and silky, in appearmyself, I can testify not only to its healthful, ance. but recuperative power. The fortieth, nay, the filtieth year of my age, found me enjoying this life-cheering exercise. It should be one of the earliest amusements of children, and care should The Gila (or as some pronounce it, Heela,) be taken by parents that it is understood as an thoughtful, anxious mother, who had but three has its sources in the mountains of New Mexico, children, brought to me her only remaining and has on its banks a thick growth of cotton child—a daughter. Her temperament nervous, billious—the nervous fearfully predominant; with great irritability of the system, peevish, passionate, dyspeptic, sleepless; of course, exacting, arbitrary, and uncomfortable; the poor child looked sad, old, morbid and miserable.

She had been to school because her system for the 29th of Echenger 1856, we find the followed the course for the 29th of Echenger 1856. She had been to school, because her parents thrught it an amusement for her to be with

After critically examining her physiogomy, I said to her mother, "what is the temperament of your husband?" "The same as my own," she replied. "Then the child is doubly stamped," I continued; "very vigorous measures must be used, if you expect to restore her to health. Divorce her immediately from anything mental so far as memorizing is concerned, then send her to a dancing school, that she may combine exercise with order and melody, and thus some of her rough edges may be rounded." The child—her large eyes open with wonder and delight—interrupted with "dancing school? O, how I've longed to go; but mother says its wrong, and the sake of the duties which might be obtained on imported articles. If any attention were given to collecting cotton from these trees, many millions of pounds could be gathered every year; and by trimming the tree large eyes open with wonder and delight—interrupted with "dancing school? O, how I've longed to go; but mother says its wrong, and ther large eyes open with wonder and delight—interrupted with "dancing school? O, how I've longed to go; but mother says its wrong, and and leads to wickedness." What a dilemma for a child! "Did you ever intend your daughter to play the piano, guitar, or other musical into play the piano, guitar, or other musical in-strument?" said I to the mother. "O yes," was the answer. "Why, I continued, "why show suc: partiality to the upper extremities? The hands are rendered happy as a medium of melody; the feet are rendered equally happy in the same way." A nice afternoon school re-ceived the little girl, who grew in health and harmony every month as she followed the hygienic rules prescribed for her. Dancing is a healthful, beautiful, graceful recreation, and is not responsible for the abuses that luxury has brown around it. The vulgarism and excitements of the ball room have no more to do with the simple enjoyment of the dance than the rich wines and sumptuous banquets of the gourmand, in whom they induce disease, have to do with the temperate repasts that satisfy the natural

wants of the body .- Dr. Harriett K. Hent. A GOOD OLD STORY.

On a chair was flung a uniform of the regiment to which Louis belonged. On a table lay a large plumed cap. Henrietta comprehended Quickly habiting herself in the uniform, she George and Jake Fulwiler—they were all rich, advantages accorded to them by the gallantry stood before the mirror, and gathering up her and each owned a mill. Henry Synder was beautiful brown tresses into a knot, placed the subject to fits of derangement, but they were

ers, on account of their mills; when, to be admitted to the ballot-box. This Committee, avenged, Henry Synder took along with him a as we learn from the Boston papers, has held a book in which he recorded his judgments, and mounted his throne to try their causes. He | Hant "expressed her disgust at the freedom was heard to pass the following judgments:

Having prepared himself, (acting as Judge and yet responding for the accused,) he called Fulliwer.

"Shorge Fulwiler, stand up. What hash you been dom in dis lower world?" "Ah! Lort, I does not know " "Well, Shorge Fulwiler, has'nt you got a

take too much toll ?"

"Yes, Lort, I hash-when der water was low. and mien stones wash dull, I take a leetle too

"Well, den Shorge Fulwiler, you must go to der left, mid der goats." "Well, Shake Fulwiler, now you stand up.

What you been doin in dis lower world?" The trial proceeded throughout precisely ike the former, and with the same result.] "Now I tries mineself. Henry Shynder! Henry Shynder! stand up. What hash you been doin in dis lower world?" "Ah! Lort, I does not know."

"Well, Henry Shynder, has't you got a "Yes, Lort, I hash." "Well, Henry Shynder, did'nt you never take

too much toll?" "Yes, Lort I hash-when der water wash low, and mien stones was dull, I hash taken a

leetle too much toll." "But Henry Shynder, vat did you do wid

"Ah! Lort, I gives it to poor."
(Pausing.) "Well, Henry Shynder, you must to der right mid der sheep; but it is a um tight squeeze!"

and the mother and daughter being alone, they refused to lodge the way-farer. "How far then," Napoleon stepped forward.

"Louis Delmarre," said he, "you have just and from my lips the tale of this lovely girl's evotion and courage. Do you love her as she dismounted. He deposited his saddle-bags, and surely attract the high as well as the humble. led his horse to the stable. Meanwhile, the mother and daughter were debating the point as to what kind of a preacher he was. "He as to what kind of a preacher he was. 'La! mother, he's a Hard Shell Baptist."

CAREFUL WIFE .- "Don't, Charles, go to Boston with that hole in the elbow of your "Long live Napoleon!" exclaimed Louis, as Careful Wife. "Because if the cars should run off the track and you should get killed people do it as outcasts from the Catholic church, who further interance, he took the hand of Henri- would think me a very negligent wife. Husband, buttoning up his overcoat.)-" Ahem! yes, I dare say they would."

On hearing Ike read that eighteen rams were to be used in launching the Leviathan, Mrs. Partington remarked that she believed a few volks of oxen would do a great deal better than

There is a local editor out West so poor, that he never stands upon more than one foot at a time, for fear that he may wear out his boots quick.

If a small boy is called a lad, it is proper to call a big boy a lad-der.

A SAMPLE OF COTTON FROM THE GILA RIVER. That beautiful, graceful accomplishment of A friend has placed on our table a sample of

We regret that we are notin possession of any

The Gila (or as some pronounce it, Heela,) river is in the South-western portion of the Uniamusement. While I am on this topic, I will ted States, and formerly constituted the North mention a case that occurred in my practice. A boundary of the Mexican State of Sonora. It La Paz, Lower California, in reply to a circular issued from the Patent Office in Washington, on the 29th of February, 1856, we find the following in reference to that tree. The letter is written from the Gila region of the country:

"When this country was discovered, the cotton tree was found growing wild in great numbers, over the entire land, and until about twenty

vantage here, and that the lands of this Territory are unsurpassed for producing sugar, rice, coffee, and grapes. Although the latitude of this place is but twenty-four degrees North, the climate is so happily tempered by sea breezes, that labor can be performed by any race of men without inconvenience or detriment to health."

Whether the cotton fibre before us is the result of cultivation, or the product of the wild cotton trees on the banks of the Gila, one thing very certain, the cotton is of a fine variety, of ong and strong staple, and silky in appearance, and entitled to the examination as well as reflections of all men engaged largely in the cotton culture.—Augusta Constitutionalist.

ABOLISHING WOMEN.

Dr. Harriett K. Hunt 34 much to her own regret, a woman. She is by profession a physician, and resides in Boston.

Dr. Hunt is one of the dozen women in the

called avail the privileges, imm of the rougher sex, so lone as they may not go to Congress, enlist in the sexual, be untermen and constables, wear pantaloons, or even vote? Impressed with an indignant sense of these disabilities, Mrs. Dr. Hunt is seeking legislative throne built, on which he sat to try the cause does not despise the power of the State, or alof all who offended him; and passed them off together refuse to pay her taxes. She brings he has accordingly prefered charges against Little her case before the Legislature of Massachusetts. Sumner. Col. Sumner replied to Harney that he could have nothing further to do with a man to heaven or hell, as his humor prompted—he her case before the Legislature of Massachusetts. personating both Judge and culprit.

It happened one day that some difficulty occurred between Henry Synder and the Fulwilpublic hearing in the State House, where Dr.

allowed to men to vote, while women are de-barred the privilege." In this "disgust" she was ably sustained by Hon. Samuel E. Sewall patiently, and appointed another day when it will listen still more. Mrs. Dr. Hunt mistakes the best way to approach the object she has in view. Instead of lemanding the privilege of suffrage, which, she would not care for after she hal it, she should

"Well, Shorge Fulwiler, didn't you never go at once to the root of the matter. Let her lemand the passage of a bill in the following " Be it enucted, That all women shall become nen! this act to take effect immediately."

Nothing short of such a comprehensive and thorough proceeding will answer the expectations of Dr. Hunt and her small band of female reformers. Nevertheless we will not promise to support

the measure. To confess the truth, we do not wish to see women abolished. We would rather not do without them. If they were all like Dr. Hunt and Lucy Stone we might think differently. But the softer sex, we are free to say it, seems to us worth preserving as it is. We therefore call upon the Massachusetts Legislature to exercise a judicious conservatism. What would become of us if there were no women?-New York Times.

THE FATE OF A FLIRT .- It is very rearely that a confirmed flirt gets married. Nmetynine out of every hundred old maids may attribute their ancient loneliness to juvenile levity. It is certain that few men make a selection from ball-rooms or any other place of gaiety; and as few are influenced by showing off in the streets, or any other allurements of dress Ninety-nine hundredths of the finery with How to Tell .- A traveller called at night- which women decorate and load their persons fall at a farmer's—the owner being from home, go for nothing as far as husband-catching is concerned. Where and bow, then, do men find their wives? In the quiet homes of their parents or guardians-at the fireside where the

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON DRUNKENNESS .-Bishop Bayley, the Catholic bishop of New cannot be a Presbyterian" said one, "for he is not well dressed enough." "He is not a Metho-machinery of the church to bear against the dist, said the other, "for his coat is not the vice of drunkenness. His letter on the subject right cut for a Methodist." "If I could find his has been read in all the churches, in which he hymn book," said the daughter, "I could tell calls attention to two classes—the drunkards United States. "The Southern Matron," as Preswhat sort of a preacher he is." And with that she thrust her hand into the saddle bags, and to the pastors the choice of the particular means has gracefully accepted the proposition, and a erging from the recessed window, "here are one pulling out a flask of whiskey, she exclaimed: to be used, he suggests that each should keep a circular on the subject has been sent to each list of the drunkards and liquor dealers in his Grand Lodge in the United States from the church. He says:
I am determined to make use of the most

severe measures against all who are addicted to this scandalous and destructive vice; and if they live, nor to Christian burial when they

RUNAWAY SLAVES .- The Albany correspondent of the Journal of Commerce says that he saw the other day six runnway negroes marched through the streets under the protection of Stephen My-ers, a black man, who claims to be the President of the "Underground Railroad," an organization which occupies itself in running off darkies from New York to Canada.

An eastern editor heads his list of Births, Marriages and Deaths, thus: Hatched, Matched Marriages and Deaths, thus: Hatched, Marched and Dispatched. The rascal's face deserves to be scratched.

Companion, thous sustained a lifted upon a gate by the beast, but sustained not the case very little would be done. Some no injury beyond the fright.—Boston Post.

Companion, thouse sustained negroes who are loading and unloading the cost in the case very little would be done.

DOWN WITH THE USURY LAWS.

We would have the Usury Laws abolished, believing that it would make money cheaper in Tennessee. We deem it a great misfortune that our State Constitution requires, at least by im-plication, the enactment of statutes regulating the rate of interest. These enactments make banks the only money lenders, and from the benefits resulting from their existence, the poor man is effectually excluded. We would have the unemployed capital of our people at their own disposal, on their own terms. Money from other States would flow into Tenne-see till the supply equalled the demand, and the ruinous rates to which we are now subjected in defiance of law, will never again be heard of.

But there is another consideration which will at once be appreciated by every business man in the community. It is well known that the Usury Laws are totally disregarded even by the Banks in New York and Boston. The capital of all other Southern Banks, which can possibly be spared, is sent for investment in home bills and notes to these Northern Institutions. Last | fall we saw the agent of a Southern Bank in the city of New York buying Mobile acceptances to the amount of \$300,000. But this is not the only way in which Southern capital is taken from our midst and accumulated in the city of New York. Amid the ceaseless, wild and reckless speculations of that inflated, nefarious city with him six golden bracelets, consisting of a the demand for money is always great, and broad rich band of gold, bearing a shield, on Southern tradesmen are induced by offers of which is mounted a Prussian eagle, the wings from one to two per cent. per month, deductions of which are encrusted with diamonds. The

are constantly besieged by our merchants for loans that the money may be thus remitted to New York speculators. The merchant here gets the money at 6 per cent, per annum, and gets rom 12 to 24 per cent. for it in New York, and ted printing firm of Decker, in Berlin, which hus our Banks in Tennessee are depleted of formerly enjoyed the monopoly of printing all from 12 to 24 per cent. for it in New York, and their currency which draws out their exchange and gold to gint the money market of New York. The difference in rates of interest impoverishes our binking institutions to enrich hose of the East. It has resulted that half the money of the Union is piled up in the vaults of the Northern Banks, while our phlebotomised, sickly, wild cat concerns are still "suspended" between life and death.

We would, therefore, have the usury laws repealed, that our own money and the capital of our own Banks might be kept at home to build up the commerce of our own Southern cities, and that our laboring men may have the benefits to which they are entitled, arising from the use of the idle capital of the country .- Memphis

Duels in the Army and Navy .- A Washingm correspondent of the Herald, under date of the 19th, reports two affairs of honor among distinguished army and mavy officers: "It appears that a difficulty oc-

Gen. Harney and Col. Summer, the court martial of the latter ge Leavenworth some weeks ago, Col. ing himself insulted by Harney. their arrival here, Summer, addresse Harney, asking him to meet him outsit District. Gen. Harney sent the note to the retary of War, and at the same time addressed note to Colonel Summer, stating that he intended | . discuss the matter in all its bearings. Both

Harney and Sumner have left the city.
"Here is another bloodless affair. A.C. Rhind, formerly of the navy, sent a challenge to Commander Boutwell, in consequence of false charges made against him in a pamphlet published a and Wendell Pullips. The Committee listened short time since. Boutwell refused to accept the challenge, and consequently Rhind posted him in the old style, as follows:

"Notice. To all whom it may concern-jenthemen of the Navy in particular.—Whereas, Commander E. B. Boutwell, in a pamphlet pub-lished by him, has made certain false charges against me; and whereas, I have demanded satislaction from him, which he has declined or failed to give, I hereby proclaim him a coward A. C. RHIND." and a liar.

"Washington, February 19, 1858."

At M'me Gazzaniga's benefit in Havana, the theatre was so full that the authorities forbade the further sale of tickets. Her appearance on the stage was the signal for immense cheering, to have been forgotten, she honored me with a and the presentation of a gold cup, with hundreds of bouquets, pigeons, doves, canaries, &c.

Some barbarian, however threw her a garlic crown. Great efforts were made to ascertain have arrived at that age, when the passions are the author of the insult, but in vain. After the mellowed, and the imagination ceases to be fiery opera was over, the stage was illuminated, and and irregular-an age of quiet and enjoyment, she was crowned amidst a shower of fire arms. and the scenes of this day will fill me with grate-The presents she received and the tickets sold ful memories, and I will bear its recollections netted the sum of \$6,000. In addition to all with me to that final resting place to which, in this, she was conveyed to her hotel in the carriage of one of the titled families and serenaded With a Virginia heart, I tender to all Virginians by the artillery band, the whole winding up my gratitude and my affection.

APRICAN IMMIGRATION TO THE SOUTH .- Bills have been introduced in the legislatures of Mississippi and Louisiana incorporating companies to procure the voluntary unmigration of Africans contracting to labor for a term of years,

War between Brazil and Paraguay is now con sidered very probable. In view of this disturbance, Paraguay will be in a rather bad condition to resist the demands of the United States for the outrage to the Water Witch, and the offences as she is, with her constitution and proposed committed against our countrymen.

PURCHASE OF MOUNT VERNON.-The Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia have adopted a plan of co-operation with the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association in the purchase of Mount Vernou. It is by a small but adequate assessment on each mason in the United States, (one dollar each) with the single condition that they shall have full liberty to occupy the premises one day each year. There is stated to be an aggregate of 350,000 members of the fraternity in the Grand Lodge in the United States from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A SKATING FEAT .- On Thursday afternoon, a oung lady and gentleman skated from Bangor young lady and gentleman skated from Dangor to Hampden, Maine, on a trial of speed. The Whig says "the young gentleman had the longest legs but the lady spread most canvass, and the wind being fair and fresh she beat him by 24 minutes; and the feat was performed in half an hour. So exhausted were the parties, however, and so strong the head wind to skate back, that they were brought to the city in a carriage."

THE NEW STATE HOUSE .- The editor of the North Carolina Whig has recently visited Columbia, and among other noticeable things speaks thus of the new State House:

While in Columbia we visited the new State House which is in process of erection. It is certainly a Herculean job, but every thing is conducted with perfect system, for there is such

of the rock used in the building will weigh 12 ton, but the machinery used for their elevation is so complete that they can be hoisted to their place with very little trouble. All the work is put up with the utmost care and every means are used to prevent the corpers from being mu-tilated and a guard is on duty night and day to keep persons from meddling with or mispla-cing any article used. It is supposed that it will take several years yet to complete it, and when finished it will be the finest building of the kind in the United States except the Capitol at Washington. Its cost is estimated to be about \$4,000,000, but in our opinion it will reach \$5,000,000, if not more.

A ROYAL BRIDEGROOM'S PRESENTS.

The nuptial present given by Prince Frederick Villiam to his Royal Bride, consists of a pearl necklace of unusual beauty and costliness. The necklace consists of thirty-two large oriental pearls, pronounced by connoisseurs to be remark-ably pure, and the larger of which, those towards the centre, are of the size of a hazel nut. The cost of this little connection, which has been completed only by dint of great diligence during a lengthened period, is stated to amount to 28,000 thalers, (£4,000.) For sixladies, who to pre-pay their Eastern debts.

Princess of Prussia has also had a set of diamond and turquoise ornaments arranged with excellent taste, as her present to the Princess Royal. Another present, destined for the Bish-op of London by the Prince, is a copy of the New Te-tament printed in folio, by the celebra-State documents. This work was got up by the above firm, in 1840, at the fourth century of the invention of book printing, celebrated here in Berlin, for the purpose of showing the world what Prussia could produce in this branch of industry, and was admitted to bear off the palm from all the other competitors for fame, on this occasion. The types, which are of unusual size and elegance of form, were all founded especially for this work, and the initial letters of the chapters are decorated and illuminated after designs by Kaulbach. As yet, this work stands unrivalled as a typographical chef decurre, but the triumph has not been obtained without a great sacrifice of money, as well as time and labor, for, although a single copy of this one volume is not sold for less than 300 thalers, (£45,) the printer still makes a considerable loss on it. dark blue velvet, and mounted with massive silver clasps, &c., richly chased, so that the book in its language state was the seventy again to the Captain Ganaral in its bound state weighs seventy-seven rom-

ives of the State which was the cradle of my first hopes, my first ambition. In my long career

-more remarkable, perhaps for its length than

its brilliancy—I have ever felt the responsibility I inherited by my birth. I have always said,

Washington, and the other great Virginians, that I am inspired with the desire to be remem-

bered by my State. That desire has been ac-

complished far beyond my most sanguine expectations. Honors upon honors she has heaped upon me, and I could not, if I would, ever lor-

get her favors. At the end of the war of 1812-

15, she presented me with the sword I now pos-

WHAT MR. HARRIS, OF ILLINOIS, THOUGHT

EIGHT YEARS AGO .- The Washington Union

puts Mr. Thomas L. Harris, of Illinois, in rather an unenviable predicament. In 1850, when California applied for admission into the Union,

" Mr. Chairman: I am for the admission of

California as a State into this Union-California

boundaries, I wish her to be admitted now; I

wish no remanding-a thing that never was

done at all, and never ought to be done, in such

a case as this. * * * *

* It is objected to the admission of Califor-

nia, that the President has improperly inter-

fered in its organization, and that without his

interference through a certain gentleman, late a

member of this House, she never would have

applied for admission in the manner she bas, and

with such a constitution as she has presented.'

This declaration is in striking coutrast with

is present position in respect to Kansas; but it

is, perhaps, expecting too much of latter-day politicians to hold the same opinions on a grave

constitutional question for the space of eight years. Inconsistency seems to be their cheif

A Novel Party Druss .- At a "fancy dress

party" in Hartford, Ct., the past week, one lady

appeared in a dress ornamented with hundreds of

DANGERS OF THE RED PETTICOAT .- Three

this musical ornament.

said:

THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

The following information respecting the extent, population and resources of the Island of Cubs, we extract from the Washington Glabe: Cubs is the largest and most important of the West India Islands, and commands the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico, whence it has been called the Key of the West Indies. It is about seven hundred miles in length and seventy in breadth, and contains, with its dependencies, 32,807 square miles, being nearly equal in extent to

The climate is delightful and very healthy, for which reason it is a tavorite resort for inval-Even on the top of the Grand Antilla, the chief range of mountains running through the Islands from end to end, there has scarcely ever been ice, and then only a few lines thick. The seasons are not distinguished as summer and winter, but as the wet and the dry, though the periods at which they begin and end are not very well de-fined. The rainy seasons commonly begins in May, but sometimes in April, and occasionally

not till June. The soil is very fertile, but, as in many other tropical countries, the people are too sluggish to cultivate it to any great extent. The chief agricultural productions are sugar, coffee, tobacco, manioc, and maize. The work on the plantstions is done almost exclusively by negroes, whose condition is far worse than that of the slaves in the United States. The whipping post is in constant use. As an instance of the great fertility of the soil, Trumbull states that, in the district of Sagua la Grande, a cabelleria of land, which is nearly equal to thirty three or land, which is nearly equal to thirty three acres, has been known to produce two hundred and eighty thousand pounds of the fair-colored Muscovado sugar of that country, being nearly equal to four moderate sized hogsheads per acre.

The population is made up of Creoles and ne-

groes, the latter forming about one-third. The Creoics, like their Spanish ancestors, are intelligent, but indolent; the negroes are not allowed

There are in the island several excellent conper, iron and coal mines, which would be very productive if well worked. Small quantities of gold and silver has also been found. Since the introduction of bees, between sixty an I reventy years ago, honey and wax have been important articles of trade. Manufactures have been much neglected.
The island is divided into several jurisdiction,

civil, judicial ecclesiastical and military. The two distinct governors, entirely independent of each other; the supreme military chief of the whole island, with the title of Captain General, being the civil Governor of the province only, called San Christopher de la Havana; while the The copy destined for the Bishop, is bound in other, Santiago de Cuba, has a separate Gover-

the free engines 57.51 cm. 1 the color, not negroes, 48,980. The number of here, and in the midst of my countrymen—my dear countrymen—naslaves was 286,942, of whom 183,290 was males, and 103,652 females. Since 1827, the population has, of course, greatly increased, as is shown by the amount of imports since then, and the constantly increasing production of the island. It now amounts, probably, to about 1,500,000.

what will Virginia say of me; and when, in the The trade of Cuba is excellent. Its situation, course of my public life, I have always rememthe fertility of the soil, and the short distancepered at its most important points that I bore a not more than thirty miles-from any point in portion of her honor on my shoulders. I have the interior to the sea shore, all tend to give it said that if I prove recreant, I would be doubly great commercial prosperity; and, if the many damned in her estimation and that of the couninjurious restraints now imposed upon its trade were removed, it would soon become one of the try. It was in the school in Virginia that I imbibed those principles which have guided me richest spots on earth. through life, and it is by the example of her

Within the last ten years the interior of the country has been much improved, and the means of communication incremed by railroads, &c.— The first railroad ever laid in the island, running from Havana to the most important of the sugar districts, was constructed by Alfred Cruger, of the United States.

A FLOWER IN THE DESERT. Here is a beautiful incident related by an

sess. She has given my name to oue of her counties, and after the lapse of a third of a cenofficer at Matamoros, in a letter to a friend in tury, when my little services might be supposed Providence, which reminds us that-In the desert there still is a fountain. vote of thanks and a gold medal. I allude to In the wide waste there still is a tree.

And a bird in the solitude singing ! Our army was marching into Matamoros, and the officer writes: "There was a little incident occurred which

contrasted so forcibly with what was going on around me, that I could not but be struck by it. "Under a tree just on the river bank, and at the point where the bustle and throng of the passage was the greatest, a family of Mexicans had taken shelter, who had recrossed to our side the day before, and had not had time to move the day before, and had not had time to move to their homes. There were some six or eight children of various ages; one of these a beau-tiful, black eyed, graceful little creature of five or six years. I saw her, while the tunult and toil of all description rang around, while arms that gentleman warmly advocated her applica-tion. Addressing the House on the subject, he quiet and peace were banished from the earth. half sitting, half lying upon a grassy knoll, her head resting upon a white pet dove, and one little arm thrown around the bird as if to protect t from all harm."

What a lesson is taught here! What a picture for the painter and the poet! See innocence per-sonified in that sweet child! See peace represen-ted in that beautiful deve! How they stand out the bright, the glorious figures in that scene, where war, with its array of banners and mar-shaled men, and gaudily dressed officers on ca-parisoned horses, fresh from the battle field, their hearts filled with the swelling thoughts of the victory they have won, and all glowing with the ambitious desire that becomes the heroes they have shown themselves to be-how that sweet child and beautiful dove shine with the light, that is from Heaven, in that scene, where war fills up and darkens all the back ground!

Novel Lawsuit .- During a revival in the Se cond Methodist Church of Lancaster, Pa., last week the Rev. Mr. Walters, pastor, peremptorily ordered "those persons who did not wish to comply ittle bells, not much bigger than rain drops-af. with his request (to kneel during prayer,) to leave." fording music of the fairy kind in the dance. In some of the Eastern countries dancing women either, whereupon Mr. Wulters instituted a suit wear bells on their aukles which tinkle in time with against Mr. Miller, before a magnituate. A clerthe music of the dance, and, perhaps, this cus- gyman of the same church appeared as a wittom suggested the more conspicuous display of ness, testifying that it was not compulsory with every one to kneel but simply customary, when judgment was given in favor of defendant.

ladies were last week walking on the Newmar-ket road, two of them exhibiting the favorite under-garment of the day, when the ire of a gone to hear Abolition 'stars' lecture—mascu-passing bullook was excited by the glaring color, line, feminine, and neuter; but never saw so and he made a dash at the party. The offend-much spontaneous gladness in the face of the ing ladies succeeded in evading him, but their whole of them, as may be witnessed in any haifcompanion, though in a more sombre garb, was hour on the Levee, at New Orleans, among the